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on the dangers of
driving too fast.



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- Driving even a few miles over the speed limit increases the chances that you'll lose control of the vehicle. It increases braking distance, reduces the effectiveness of safety belts and other safety devices, and dramatically increases the severity of injuries if there is a crash.
- To ensure everyone's safety on the road, law enforcement officers are out looking for speeders. A citation for going just 5 miles over the speed limit could cost \$100 or more. Fines and points on your license increase the faster you drive and also increase insurance rates.
- Remember, posted speed limits apply under ideal driving conditions. You need to slow down in conditions such as heavy rain, a construction zone, or a congested roadway. Law enforcement officers refer to this as "speed too fast for conditions." Not only is it dangerous, but it's illegal, too.
- In a hurry? Speeding won't save you much time. On average, most driving trips are 25 miles or less. If you decide to drive 65 miles per hour instead of 55 mph for 25 miles, you'll only save 4 minutes and 20 seconds. *(Assumes a constant speed. Actual time differences could vary because of necessary stopping and slowing.)*
- Every 10 mph traveled over 50 mph doubles the risk of death if a crash occurs. Speed limits are not just guidelines; they save lives.
- About 1 in 5 drivers who get into a crash in Michigan had been speeding.

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